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From: Mark Murray-Brown - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Christine Vaccaro
Cc: Kimberly Damon-Randall
Subject: Fwd: Proposed promulgation of WQS pertaining to waters in Indian lands in Maine

Chris - FYI - Sounds like a request for consult is on the way soon.

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From: **Abele, Ralph** <abele.ralph@epa.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 11, 2016 at 2:16 PM
Subject: Proposed promulgation of WQS pertaining to waters in Indian lands in Maine
To: "Shepard, Steven" <steven_shepard@fws.gov>, "Mahaney, Wende" <wende_mahaney@fws.gov>, "Kimberly.Damon-Randall@noaa.gov" <Kimberly.Damon-Randall@noaa.gov>, Mark Murray-Brown - NOAA Federal <mark.murray-brown@noaa.gov>, Rory Saunders - NOAA Federal <rory.saunders@noaa.gov>, Max Tritt - NOAA Federal <max.tritt@noaa.gov>

The proposed rule was signed by the Administrator this morning. There is a link to the website for the rule in this email. The proposed rule contains an extensive preamble. Our consultation letter is nearly ready to send.

From: WQSnews [<mailto:WQSnews@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 11:27 AM
To: Water Quality Standards Information <wqs-news@lists.epa.gov>
Subject: [wqs-news] Proposed Rule - Certain Water Quality Standards Applicable to Maine

Proposed Rule - Certain Water Quality Standards Applicable to Maine

EPA is proposing new and revised federal Clean Water Act water quality standards (WQS) that would apply to waters under the state of Maine's jurisdiction. First, EPA proposes human health criteria for waters in Indian lands and waters outside of Indian lands that are subject to sustenance fishing rights. These criteria will protect the health of Maine tribal sustenance fishers, who consume higher rates of fish than Maine's general population. Further, EPA proposes six additional WQS for waters in Indian lands in Maine, two WQS for all waters in Maine, including waters in Indian lands, and one WQS for waters in Maine outside of Indian lands. These WQS will protect human health and aquatic life in waters in Indian lands and throughout the state of Maine. EPA will accept public comments on the proposed rule for 60 days upon publication of the Federal Register notice. Within that timeframe, EPA will also hold two virtual public hearings to solicit public input on the proposed WQS.

To register for the public hearings or for more information about the proposal, please visit the website below.

- [Proposed Rule - Certain Federal Water Quality Standards Applicable to Maine](#)

You must register at least 24 hours in advance of each public hearing in order to attend.

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From: Stover, Michael

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:37 PM

To: Stover, Michael; Mora, Kenneth; Weitzler, Ellen; Williamson, Timothy; Williams, Ann; Abele, Ralph; Voorhees, Jeanne; Levinson, Sarah; Knapp, Michael; marvin@wabanaki.com; Martin Dana (eaglefeather1@hotmail.com); trevorenv@myfairpoint.net; Dan Kusnier; john.banks@penobscotnation.org; fcory@micmac-nsn.gov; envplanner@maliseets.com; water@maliseets.com; Sue Young (ogs1@maliseets.com); Brundage, Jennifer; Baca, Andrew; edb@wabanaki.com

Cc: Byrne, Andrew

Subject: Tribal Technical Consultation with Environmental Directors - proposed promulgation of WQS pertaining to waters in Indian lands in Maine

When: Monday, April 11, 2016 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Mt Lafayette (5th Floor) *** Dial-In Number: [\(866\) 299-3188](tel:8662993188) *** Conference Code: [6179181515](tel:6179181515)

Importance: High

All, please see revised timeframe of 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Hello all,

The Region's water quality team would like to engage in a technical consultation with the Tribal Environmental Directors regarding the proposed promulgation of water quality standards pertaining to waters in Indian lands in Maine.

I do hope that this consultation for Monday, April 11 from **1:00 – 2:00 pm** works for you. Please forward to any other parties as appropriate.

Thanks!

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